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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventor(s): Tue Nguyen and Alan Bercaw
Appln. No.: 09/766,135
Confirm. No.: 1953
Filed: January 19, 2001
Title: MULTI-THERMAL ZONE
SHIELDING APPARATUS

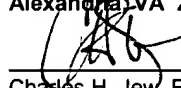
PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 3742
Examiner: Shawntina Fuqua

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Signature Date: July 6, 2004

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Transmitted with this communication in connection with the above-identified application are the following:

- _____ A Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 to the Office Action dated ____.
- ✓ _____ A Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004.
- _____ A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

_____ An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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_____ A fee of \$180.00 is due for the submission of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	_____ * -	_____ **	_____	X \$ 9.00 X \$ 18.00	\$
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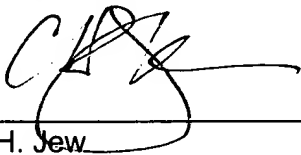
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7.6.04

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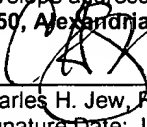
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Sir:

This RESPONSE is in reply to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on Page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 3.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on Page 21.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 22.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 24.

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In the Drawings:

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). It was indicated that the lamp heater and non-heated workpiece support of claims 30 and 47 were purportedly not shown. Submitted herewith is proposed new Figure 6 which describes these features. These features are also disclosed in Paragraph [0025] of the specification. In addition, new proposed Paragraph [0051] describes the features in Figure 6 with the appropriate reference numbers. The filing of this new proposed drawing, does not introduce new matter.